



Beaver Creek Fire

July 11, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Evacuation orders remain in place

Fire Size Today:

18,787 acres

Containment:

5%

175 Firefighters:

3 crews, 17 engines, 1 dozer and 3 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Routt National Forest, BLM Kremmling Field Office and State of Colorado lands

Started:

6/19/16 Cause is being actively investigated: Information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Management: Western Colorado Interagency—Team B Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

As expected, the fire was very active yesterday, mostly in the northwest and northeast areas adding approximately 3,500 acres for a current acreage of 18,787. In the northwest, the fire burned thru Carney Draw crossing the Wyoming border moving into the Big Creek Park. In the northeast area, the fire has moved into the vicinity of Wills Reservoir. With the reduced humidity and when exposed to the strong winds we had yesterday, the fire was able to move with authority through the heavy dead and downed timber producing large volumes of smoke.

On the east side, the fire has crossed the 35 Rd. in three more places towards the north and is slowly backing down the slope. This eastern side of the road is sheltered from the wind which slows the spread of the fire. Resources remain in Parsons Draw preparing structures and improvements for when the fire approaches. Part of this preparation involves the chipping of vegetation which has been removed from along roadways.

A night shift was deployed last night. These engines will continue operations patrolling and watching for hot spots in the vicinity of structures.

The unburned area in the vicinity of Republic Creek and Rd 609 is being consumed as the fire travels to the east/northeast.

Today's weather is predicted to be similar to yesterday's with westerly winds of 12-20 mph and gusts up to 35 mph and minimum humidity down to 18% which will cause similar fire activity to what we saw yesterday.

No firefighter injuries have been reported which is a testament to the Management Team's emphasis on firefighter safety. Objectives are to allow the fire to move out of the timber down to the flats where firefighters are able to engage it with a high expectation for success in holding the fire.

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